

MUMC At-Home Worship:

April 5, 2020 (Palm Sunday)

It's Palm Sunday like we've never celebrated it before! As this Sunday begins holy week and the journey to the Easter resurrection, we can't help but notice how different it will be. Our celebrations will be different as we continue to stay and worship from home. The mood of the world doesn't seem attuned to celebration. Can we still find our way to Easter in such a time as this?

Yes! Our faith allows us to celebrate in a God who is faithful while little else is. The resurrection remains and our salvation is secure. I hope you'll join us on the journey to resurrection from wherever you are by using this guide either all at once on Sunday morning or separate by section as noted. Thanks for worshipping with us!

-Pastor Dillon

If available, place a candle in the center of your gathering space and light it with this prayer:

Dear God, open our hearts to enter into your presence with worship and praise. Open our eyes to your Spirit among us. In Christ's name, Amen.

Palm Sunday

Hymn: *Hosanna*, lyrics on page 2 – [watch/listen here](#)

Scripture: Luke 19:29-40

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requests: Share prayer requests and have a moment of silent prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*, United Methodist Hymnal #419 – [watch/listen here](#)

Maundy/Holy Thursday

Scripture: Luke 22:14-27

Blessed is the one who teaches us to serve one another.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: *If Ye Love Me*, performed by Serafina (including Katie Sucha) – [watch/listen here](#)

Good Friday

Scripture: Luke 23:26-49

Silent Prayer: *Extinguish candle and reflect on the scripture in silent prayer*

Hymn: *Were You There*, United Methodist Hymnal #288 – [watch/listen here](#) (v.1-2, 5)

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, open our hearts to feel the deep love of your embrace. In the name of the crucified Christ we pray, Amen.

Hosanna

written by Greg Boudreaux

Chorus:

Hosanna in the highest (repeated)

1. The heart of God has come
His one begotten Son
Setting us free
And breakin' the chains of the world

We lift our hands in praise
Every heart proclaims
Blessed is He
Who comes in the name of the Lord (chorus)

2. His kingdom now has come
The victory is won
His blood has made clean
The sins and the stain of the world

We worship and we doubt
But the rocks are cryin' out
Blessed is He
Who comes in the name of the Lord (chorus)

Bridge:

You are holy, holy, holy Lord
You are God of heaven, God of earth (repeated)

(chorus, bridge)

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Luke 19:29-40 (CEB)

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

"Blessings on the king
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens."

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

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I Am Thine, O Lord

United Methodist Hymnal #419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.
(Refrain)
3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!
(Refrain)
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.
(Refrain)

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Luke 22:14-27 (CEB)

When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom." After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. I tell you that from now on I won't drink from the fruit of the vine until God's kingdom has come." After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, "This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you.

"But look! My betrayer is with me; his hand is on this table. The Human One goes just as it has been determined. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays him." They began to argue among themselves about which of them it could possibly be who would do this.

An argument broke out among the disciples over which one of them should be regarded as the greatest.

But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles rule over their subjects, and those in authority over them are called 'friends of the people.' But that's not the way it will be with you. Instead, the greatest among you must become like a person of lower status and the leader like a servant. So which one is greater, the one who is seated at the table or the one who serves at the table? Isn't it the one who is seated at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

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If Ye Love Me

by Thomas Tallis (1565)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

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Luke 23:26-49 (CEB)

As they led Jesus away, they grabbed Simon, a man from Cyrene, who was coming in from the countryside. They put the cross on his back and made him carry it behind Jesus. A huge crowd of people followed Jesus, including women, who were mourning and wailing for him. Jesus turned to the women and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't cry for me. Rather, cry for yourselves and your children. The time will come when they will say, 'Happy are those who are unable to become pregnant, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed a child.' Then *they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.* ' If they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above his head

was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness covered the whole earth until about three o'clock, while the sun stopped shining. Then the curtain in the sanctuary tore down the middle. Crying out in a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, *into your hands I entrust my life.*" After he said this, he breathed for the last time.

When the centurion saw what happened, he praised God, saying, "It's really true: this man was righteous." All the crowds who had come together to see this event returned to their homes beating their chests after seeing what had happened. And everyone who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance observing these things.

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Were You There

United Methodist Hymnal #288

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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